

STATE OF IOWA
DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
UTILITIES BOARD

IN RE: IES UTILITIES INC. and INTERSTATE POWER COMPANY	DOCKET NO. SPU-01-8
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**ORDER GRANTING INTERVENTION AND
REQUEST FOR PERMISSION TO APPEAR**

(Issued September 25, 2001)

On September 20, 2001, the Iowa Consumers Coalition (ICC) filed with the Utilities Board (Board) a petition to intervene in Docket No. SPU-01-8. This docket will examine the request for reorganization filed by IES Utilities Inc. (IES) and Interstate Power Company to reorganize their transmission assets and transfer operational control over substantial portions of their transmission facilities to the Midwest Independent System Operator, Inc. No objections to the petition to intervene have been filed.

In support of its petition to intervene, the ICC states that its current membership consists of seven large electric customers of IES. The ICC's membership is listed in the petition to intervene. The ICC states it has a substantial interest in the proceedings because the rates and services received by its members may be impacted by this docket.

The petition to intervene will be granted. The ICC has demonstrated a unique interest in these proceedings that should be represented. Accompanying the petition was a request for permission to appear filed by James M. Bushee. Mr. Bushee is admitted to practice law in Texas and the District of Columbia, but not Iowa. Mr. Bushee filed with his request the appearance of Iowa counsel for purposes of service of process pursuant to Iowa Supreme Court rule 116. The request for permission to appear will also be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The petition to intervene filed by the Iowa Consumers Coalition on September 20, 2001, is granted.

2. The request for permission to appear filed by James M. Bushee on September 20, 2001, is granted.

UTILITIES BOARD

/s/ Diane Munns

ATTEST:

/s/ Judi K. Cooper
Executive Secretary

/s/ Mark O. Lambert

Dated at Des Moines, Iowa, this 25th day of September, 2001.